



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

BLATT et al.

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For: "PROTEIN INVOLVED IN
ABSCISIC ACID SIGNALLING"

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) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the non-final Office Action having a mailing date of April 15, 2003. This response is believed to be timely and therefore, no fees are enclosed. In the event that fees are due in connection with this response, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend and reconsider the above-identified application as follows.